

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005. This Response is filed within one month of the Office Action mail date.

The Office Action is a Restriction Requirement. In this regard, Applicants are required to restrict the application to one of six alleged groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-11); Group II (Claims 12-18); Group III (Claims 19-27); Group IV (Claims 28-36); Group V (Claims 37-45); and Group VI (Claims 46-58). Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (Claims 1-11).

The Patent Office states upon election of one of Groups I-V or VI, Applicants must further elect a single species from Species I drawn to Figure 1, Species II drawn to Figure 5, Species III drawn to Figure 6, and Species IV drawn to Figure 7. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 is a genus claim linking Species II (Figure 5) and Species III (Figure 6). In view thereof, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species II (Figure 5) and note that at least claims 1-11 are readable thereon. In the event claim 1 is allowed, Applicants further submit that Applicant is entitled to retain claims directed to nonelected Species III (Figure 6) in accordance with MPEP §§ 809.03 and 809.04.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected claims.

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